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In re Patent Application of

T. KANBE et al

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Filed: January 17, 2002

Examiner: H. Rickman

For: MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND MAGNETIC RECORDING APPARATUS

## RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed April 22, 2004, Applicants submit the following Remarks.

**PATENT** 

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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identfied application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

No additional fee is required.

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× 9	\$
x 42	\$
+ 140	\$
Total	\$

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×	18	\$	0
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